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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to distributing methamphetamine.

James K. Pack, 41, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Sarah W. Hays this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Pack** admitted that he sold 4.1 grams of methamphetamine for \$600 on Aug. 20, 2001, and 27.69 grams of methamphetamine for \$3,200 on Aug. 24, 2001.

Pack was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 18, 2003, in Kansas City.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Pack** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Metro Meth Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow